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TOPIC Strausberg Air Force Depot

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25X1 [redacted] 1. Between 29 May and 2 July 1952, the following handling and shipping of RD-45 crates was observed at the air force depot located at Hegermuehlenstrasse in Strausberg: (1)

29 May — A rail shipment of six crates left in an eastern direction.

18 June — 30 flatcars with and without sideracks were loaded with about 100 crates for RD-45 engines. At 9 a.m. on 19 June, they were moved to Strausberg Verstadt railroad station and parked there.

25X1 1 July — Arriving rail shipment of two RD-45 crates [redacted]

2 July — Departing rail shipment of two RD-45 crates.

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25X1 [redacted] 2. [redacted] was instructed to pay attention to crates measuring 1.50 x 1.50 x 3 meters

25X1 [redacted] the gray green crates with a length of three meters which were observed prior to mid-May 1952 were fitted with two steel tapes, dividing the crates into three equal sections. Crates observed after that date measured about 1.5 x 2 x 2.7 meters and had the steel tapes fitted more toward the ends. The corners were protected by iron coatings. A small window was observed in one side of the crates. Shipments of this type of crates were observed on the following dates:

25X1 2 June — 1 crate [redacted]

10 June — A rail shipment of 21 crates loaded on 7 railroad cars arrived at Strausberg railroad station

19 June — A shipment composed of 26 railroad cars, each loaded with 3 crates, left from Strausberg railroad station at 9:55 a.m.

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Between 26 June and 7 July, additional crates were observed on the railroad line between Strausberg-Vorstadt, Strausberg-Stadt, Industriebahn and the main station. Details were not obtained. (2)

3. Between 26 May and 8 June, the engine test stands were not in operation.

25X1 [redacted] 4. In a telephone conversation, [redacted] the name of the technical officer was Captain Tserienka (fnu) and the name of the economic officer was Captain Rubin (fnu). Both names are spelled phonetically. 25X1

5. The following rail shipments were observed at Strausberg between 25 May and 4 July:

25 May — One train composed of 32 railroad cars arrived. The cargo included three 37-mm AA guns, two trucks and one repair shop truck. This repair shop truck had three axles, the van extended over the driver's cabin; a ladder led to a gangway on its roof. There were three windows at either side of the truck and a two sectional door with windows at the rear. A boring machine was in the interior of the truck.

27 May — Rail shipments leaving from Strausberg air force depot included two sedans converted into pick-up trucks, one new sedan, two boxcars and two flatcars loaded with long narrow boxes. [redacted] these boxes contained large spare parts for aircraft. 25X1

8 June — Three railroad cars left the air force depot. They were loaded with several crates, 1.2 to 1.5 m long, containing aircraft parts and one generator mounted on a two-wheel dolly. Five closed boxcars arrived at the depot.

19 June — One train composed of seven freight cars left. They were loaded as follows: one railroad car with two sedans which were converted into pick-up trucks with head lights pointing to the rear, two cars were loaded each with four rollers for runways and landing fields and four boxcars with officers, [illegible] and crates. At 7 p.m., one train of two passenger cars and two freight cars arrived.

20 June — Six railroad cars loaded with coal arrived for the air force depot in the morning. The shipment was addressed to the Strausberg rolling mill. Previous shipments were addressed [redacted] The air force depot is located in a former rolling mill. 25X1

23 June — Twelve empty boxcars arrived at the depot, were loaded and left the depot in the evening. An escort car was added to the train. The way bills were marked with a big green V and the destinations were given as Kuestrin and Frankfurt.

24 June — Incoming shipments included three boxcars, two three-axle trucks, which were covered with canvas. A rod with a red lamp was folded down on the roof of the driver's cabin. Three generators were covered with tarpaulins, and the tow bars were fitted with a small wheel. (3) Seven radio

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trucks with three axles and a window at each long side and the rear. A mast, 20 cm in diameter, to be extended by means of a crank, was fitted to the right front of the truck and reached as high as the top of the truck. There was a small smoke stack on the rear part and venetian blinds, about 60 cm long, at the rear section of the sides and at the rear end. The shipment had come from the border at Frankfurt/Oder via Kuestrin to Strausberg. The train included a passenger car for the train escort.

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25 June — A rail shipment of 10 cranes, one truck with a canvas cover and three rollers left.

30 June — Seven radial engines, similar to BMW double row radial engines, covered with old tarpaulins, were loaded on railroad cars.

1 July — The following shipment arrived [redacted] 25X1
six sedans, converted to pick-up trucks and fitted with a small searchlight in the rear; two open trucks, personnel carriers with two red and two green signal lamps on the roof of the driver's cabin which were protected by screen like aircraft position lamps. One special purpose trailer probably to be drawn by a prime mover, the carriage of which had four heavy wheels in the rear, a length of about eight meters and a heavy steel frame. (4) Several boxcars arrived for the depot.

2 July — A rail shipment composed of the following left the depot:

15 four-wheel cranes with hand-operated cranks, two cranes being loaded on one flatcar; two trucks with a canvas cover and a red lamp folded on the roof of the driver's cabin and three boxcars with crates and air force personnel including officers.

4 July — Three radio trucks and a two-axle trailer which was closed and had one window at each side arrived. The radio trucks had two windows at each side and to the rear and one large window over the driver's cabin. There were ladders fitted to the rear and to the front of the trucks. Three tubes with a small plate underneath were fitted to the two long sides, about 20 cm below the edge of the roof, and one tube with plate each were attached to the front and to the rear side of the radio trucks. (5) Two boxes, 40 x 40 cm, were observed right and left at the front of the truck. (6)

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1 July — At 8: 30 a.m., eight boxcars arrived and were shunted to the loading ramp of the supply depot.
At 9:45 a.m., a new Niederflur type special trailer for trucks arrived and was unloaded at Strausberg railroad station.
One officer and five or six EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets took the trailer in the direction of the former airfield which probably is an artillery depot at the present time.

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2 July	Between 1:30 and 3:45 p.m., a long freight train was formed between the depot and the aircraft repair plant. The train included two railroad cars loaded with two new trucks with a box-like superstructure painted green, and 9 railroad cars with 14 green painted steel structures which seemed to be cranes. One car was loaded with three green crates, 150 x 200 x 250 to 270 cm. The train left at 3:45 p.m. in the direction of Vorstadt.

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6. Trucks observed at Strausberg between 26 May and 7 July included:

Date	Details
26 May	Truck drove from the depot to Vorstadt.
27 May	Belongs to the depot and took officers to the artillery school.
28 May	Entered the depot empty and left the next day in the direction of Vorstadt with a high scaffold covered with a tarpaulin.
	was loaded with three grey green crates, 30 x 40 x 50 cm and with two aircraft tires which were wrapped in linen.
29 May	with trailer, loaded with fuel drums left in the direction of Strausberg.
2 June	loaded with a box 30 x 40 x 70 cm.
5 June	with trailer, left in the direction of Strausberg loaded and covered with canvas. The trailer was loaded with several aluminum sheets, 1.5 x 2m, and several pipes, 3.5 cm in diameter and 5 to 6 meters long.
8 June	left in the direction of Vorstadt, loaded with a tail assembly, probably of a jet aircraft which was covered with a tarpaulin.
9 June	drove from the field to the town.
	was parked in town.
10 June	two new radio trucks left the depot in the direction of Vorstadt
11 June	loaded and covered with tarpaulins, arrived from the direction of Vorstadt at the depot.
12 June	from Sormeuchen picked up material at the special construction office.

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Date	[redacted]	Details
25X1 11 June		took officers from the air force depot to the railroad station. 25X1
19 June		with trailer [redacted] entered the depot coming empty from the direction of Verstedt and left in the afternoon loaded with empty fuel drums and empty carbide drums on the trailer.
		drove in the direction of the depot.
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12 June		entered the depot loaded with old tires.
13 June		25X1 [redacted]
		was parked in front of the depot.
		entered the depot loaded with old tires and various boxes.
17 June		with trailer entered the depot loaded with a fuel drum and old tires.
		with trailer, loaded with old tires entered the depot.
		with one first lieutenant and two EM, all wearing artillery insignia, stopped in front of the depot. The officer and one EM entered the depot with their briefcases.
		loaded with old tires, entered the depot.
		with trailer left the depot. The truck being loaded with various crates, including two blue-grey crates 16 x 1.20 m, and the trailer was loaded with glass containers in wooden crates having a capacity of about 20 liters, small boxes, about 25 x 40 x 25 cm and a fuel drum.
		left the depot loaded with various crates and new tires.
19 June		left the depot loaded with new tires and various crates and drove in the direction of Elisabethstrasse. Six freight cars were parked on the spur track of the depot. Crates, about 60 x 40 x 30 cm were loaded on [redacted] 25X1

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Date		Details
26 June		with trailer entered the depot and left it in the evening loaded with crates and drums heading in the direction of Vorstadt. A radio truck towing a generator left the depot.
		followed the radio truck, heading in the direction of Hennickendorf. The trailer was loaded with cable drums and crates .
3 July		entered the depot.
26 June		with one officer and two EM parked in front of the depot.
		entered the depot loaded with small grey boxes.
30 June		with trailer loaded with truck tires.
		with trailer loaded with crates and furniture entered the depot.
2 July		carrying one officer and two EM was loaded with small boxes.
		with one officer and two EM entered the depot.
		arrived from the direction of the town, turned in front of the depot. Twelve to fifteen soldiers wearing blue-bordered black air force insignia were entrucked and left in the direction of town.
		loaded with two cable drums and a green crate, 80 x 150 x 100 cm.
3 July		with trailer loaded with crates, fuel and lubricant drums and with old tires entered the depot at 10 a.m.
5 July		loaded with crates, about two meters high, entered the depot.
7 July		with trailer loaded with green and grey crates, 40 x 50 x 150 cm ,coming from the town entered the depot at 10:45 a.m.. Three soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen on the truck.
		loaded with 60 sheet metal barrels.

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25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) Crates for RD-45 jet engines were familiar [redacted] and identified 25X1 by their shape.

(2) The number of crates actually shipped cannot be determined. Both types of crates differ from the ones described in a previous report. 25X1 [redacted] It is possible that the dimensions of the crates were altered for better transportation. The larger crates would be just adequate to hold RD-45 type turbo-jet engines, the Soviet version of the Nene which is 296 cm long and 125 cm in diameter.

(3) Probably outboard starter units.

(4) For arrangement of signal lamps, see Annex 1, sketch 1. For sketch of special trailer, see Annex 1, sketch 2.

(5) The reported radio trucks are probably of the same type as the ones described in a previous report. 25X1 [redacted]. The small tubes with the plates are assumed to be holders for rod antenna. For sketch of a tube with plate, see Annex 1 sketch 3.

(6) See Annex 1 sketch 4 for truck with boxes.

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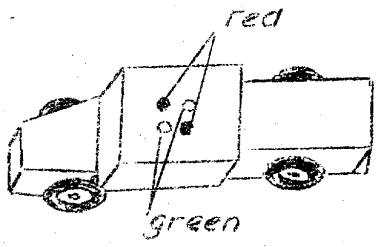

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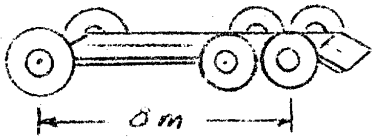

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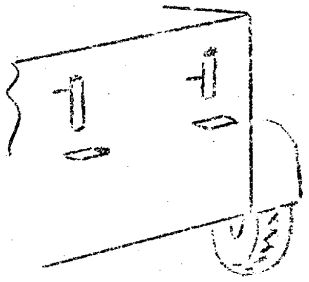

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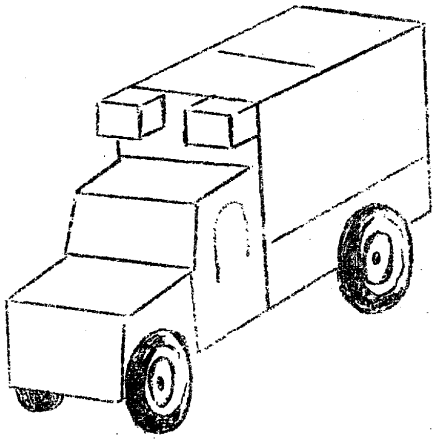

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